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SUBJECT: 1977 SOVIET NATIONAL EXHIBIT

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1. IN LETTER OF APRIL 14, SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALLY INFORMED US THAT SITE SELECTION TEAM HAD DECIDED TO HOLD 1977 NATIONAL EXHIBIT AT MUNICIPALLY-OWNED LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER FROM OCTOBER 17 THROUGH DECEMBER 10 (INCLUDING TIME FOR ASSEMBLING AND DISMANTLING). LOS ANGELES IS OPEN CITY IN CLOSED ZONE, AND WE ARE LOOKING INTO PROBLEMS WHICH THIS LOCATION WILL PRESENT TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT CAUSE US OR THE SOVIETS SERIOUS DIFFICULTY.

2. ACCORDING TO MANAGER OF LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER, EXHIBIT WILL BEGIN MOVE INTO HALL OCTOBER 17 AND WILL OCCUPY MAIN HALL OCTOBER 27-DECEMBER 12. ACTUAL SHOWING DAYS WILL BE NOVEMBER 9-27. SOVIETS AND L.A. CONVENTION CENTER HAVE SIGNED A CONTRACT WHICH SETS PRICE FOR ENTIRE PERIOD AT TWO-HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR USE OF THE HALL INCLUDING ELECTRICAL POWER AND DAILY CLEANING OF HALL.

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ADDITIONAL CLEANING, GUARDS, AND OTHER EXTRAS, IF REQUESTED

BY SOVIETS, WILL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL CHARGES. SOVIETS
AGREED TO CONTRACT SEPARATELY WITH PRIVATE FIRMS FOR PUB-
LICITY, TRANSPORTING EXHIBIT- FROM PORT OF LOS ANGELES TO
EXHIBIT HALL AND ASSEMBLING/DISMANTLING EXHIBIT.

3. SOVIETS TOLD CONVENTION CENTER MANAGER THEY PLAN TO
BRING EXHIBIT STAFF OF 150 PEOPLE TO LOS ANGELES. FIFTY
WILL ARRIVE WHEN EXHIBIT DOES IN MID-OCTOBER. REMAINDER
WILL ARRIVE EARLY NOVEMBER. SISCO

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